



**TAX PAYERS SPEAK UP** - On Monday, June 8, concerned individuals regarding the proposed City Payroll Tax Increase addressed the Hickman City Commission. Susan Malone, representing The Citizens Bank, is front and center with approximately 30 others behind her in attendance. At the commission round table include City Police Chief Tony Grogan, City Attorney Leanna Wilkerson, Commissioner Heath Carlton, City Manager Johnny McTurner, and City Clerk Donna Haney.

## City listens: payroll tax postponed

Charlotte Smith  
**Editor**

The City of Hickman put the proposed 33% payroll tax on hold after complaints from the approximately 30 concerned citizens who work in the city limits of Hickman filled the gallery at City Hall on Monday night, June 8. Many of them, representing Hickman businesses, spoke out opposing the proposed payroll tax increase that would take money directly out of their pockets.

In effect, an increase in this tax lowers take home pay, giving workers less money that is spent on local goods and services.

"We (the Fulton County School Board) want to make the Commission aware of the impact it will have on all our employees," stated Dale Vowell, school board member. "It is actually a 36% hike on the employees of the

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## Bridging the gap between Ky and Mo

Charlotte Smith  
**Editor**

Members of the Mississippi County Industrial Development Authority (MCIDA) say now is the time to band together. "Now is the time for a hard push from both Missouri and Kentucky to make this project happen," stated Betty Hearnese, President of the MCIDA, former state representative and former First Lady of the state of Missouri. "We have been talking about this for 10 years now and nothing has happened."

Realizing that talk is cheap and time is ticking, the MCIDA has created a Facebook page - Ky2Mo: The Bridge, seeking support for this movement. "We feel that with numbers behind us, the powers that be in Washington DC will listen," stated Karen Teeters. "The bridges between Wickliffe, Ky. and Cairo, Ill., and Mississippi County, MO, are

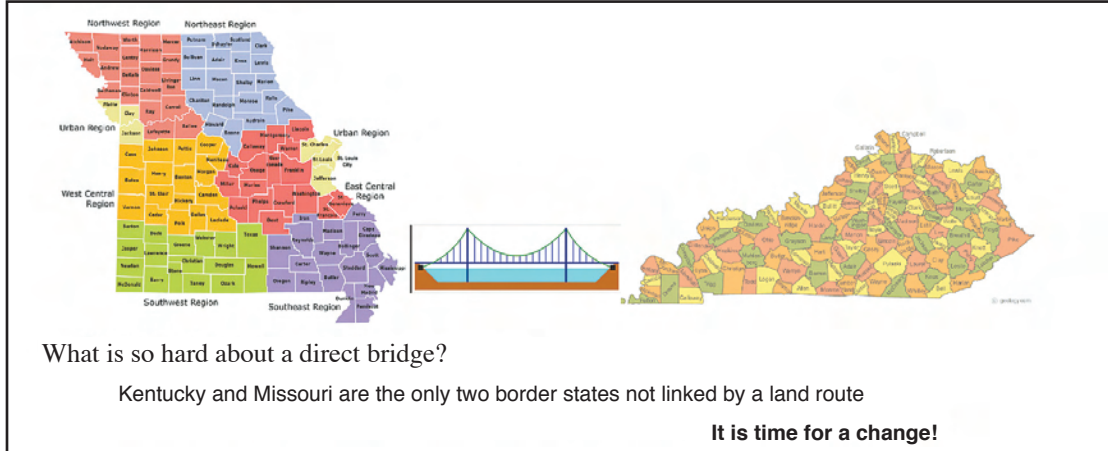
old. Their useful life is coming to a close. We need a direct land link."

Their current proposal is to construct a bridge from Ballard County (Hwy 60) to Mississippi Co. (Hwy 62). "Any direct link between the two states would be logical to tie the states together, no matter where the bridge is built," added Betty Hearnese, but they are open to having it built anywhere the two states border each other.

Crossing the Mississippi River from Mississippi County to Wickliffe at that point is only .38 mile. "It is the most narrow point," Kenny George, Jr. further stated.

George, a third member of the MCIDA board and also a board member for the Dorena-Hickman Ferry, sees it as a win-win situation.

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What is so hard about a direct bridge?

Kentucky and Missouri are the only two border states not linked by a land route

It is time for a change!



Photos by Charlotte Smith

**YOUTH FISHING RODEO** - On Saturday, June 6, the Hickman Recreation and Tourism Commission sponsored the Youth Fishing Rodeo with 53 participants. Josie Prehoda (left) snagged the smallest fish in her age group and Ryker Cagle (right) caught the big fish in his age group. (See more winners on page 8.)

## School board discusses renovations, payroll tax

Charlotte Smith  
**Editor**

Final plans and specifications for BG 15-272, Fulton County Elementary/Middle School renovations, including consideration of probable costs associated with those renovations, were approved by the Fulton County School Board on Friday morning, June 5, during a special called meeting of the board.

Discussion of the impending payroll tax increase and how it will effect the district's employees was also discussed. While the

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**KICK-OFF FOR SUMMER READING** - On Friday afternoon, June 5, the Hickman Public Library was the place to be as 125 super readers to be signed up for the Summer Reading Program. (Above) Joshua Jones made balloon animals for all the kids as parents signed them up. (At right) Makalyn Cranick, Jadyn Hatcher and Halle Evans show off their pastel colored butterflies.

## Tractor accident claims one life

Friday morning news quickly spread of a fatal traffic accident in Hickman. An officer with the Hickman Police Department was dispatched to Walnut Street at 10:53 p.m. on Thursday night, June 4. According to the police incident report, "the officer arrived on the scene at 10:56 p.m. to find a tractor accident had occurred. The driver of the tractor was Harold F. Miller, 61. He was mowing his property and the tractor he was on turned over on a hillside causing him to become trapped beneath the tractor."

"The ambulance arrived on scene at 11 p.m. After accessing the patient, the coroner was called.

Upon the coroner's arrival, the Fulton County Rescue Squad lifted the tractor off the body of Mr. Miller, who had been pronounced dead by the Fulton County Coroner.

"Mr. Miller's body was taken to Strong Funeral Home.

All emergency personnel were finished with the scene by 1:10 a.m. early Friday morning, June 5."



Photo by Charles Choate

**GOVERNOR'S CHAT** - Fulton Mayor David Prater (middle) and Hickman Mayor David Lattus (l) met with Governor Steve Beshear during a visit last week in Fulton. The Governor made a visit to the county to show the prestigious "Governor's Cup", which was presented to the state for their industry recruitment and expansion in 2014.

## Governor Beshear praises local industry efforts

Charles Choate  
**Courier Correspondent**

Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear made it clear last week that Fulton County was an integral part of an award winning team in the state.

The Governor made a trip to Fulton last Thursday, where he brought along the "Governor's Cup", an award given to the state by Site Selection Magazine.

The national award was presented based on success in industry recruitment and expansion, with Fulton County helping to secure the honors.

"I knew very well the feeling that lots of people here in West

Kentucky had about being left out so many times when decisions were being made in Frankfort concerning the Commonwealth of Kentucky," said Beshear, speaking of his quest to become Governor. "So I did make a promise to West Kentucky. I said if I get there, and you help me get there, I am going to make sure you have a seat at the table"

And that promise has been kept.

Working with local economic development officials and board members, Governor Beshear has helped secure several new

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**July 4 - Fireworks Downtown celebration**

**Youth Fishing Rodeo has 53 participants, see page 8**



### OBITUARIES

**Jennifer Pitts  
Harold Miller**

### RAIN WATCH

June 2015 - 0.04 inches  
www.kymesonet.org

### RIVER STAGE FORECASTS

OHIO RIVER AT CAIRO, ILL.

Wednesday, June 10 - 29.3  
Thursday, June 11 - 30.3  
Friday, June 12 - 31.3  
Saturday, June 13 - 32.2  
Sunday, June 14 - 32.5

## Fulton County track members named to All Area Team






On Thursday, June 4 the All Area Team track and field line ups were released. Fulton County's Track and Field Coach James Bridges is proud to announce that 2015 graduate Steven Roberson made the first team in long jump and the second team in high jump.

He was also recognized along with his fellow teammates on two relay teams. The first was the 4x200 team of Roberson, Dre Smith, Joe Holman and Aaron Allen. The second was the 4x100 team of Roberson, Holman, Akilias Abbott, Terrell Wilson, and Aaron Allen. Both relay teams made the second All Area Teams.





Your Local Weather

Thu 6/11	Fri 6/12	Sat 6/13	Sun 6/14	Mon 6/15
				
<b>93/71</b> More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.	<b>89/72</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 70s.	<b>89/71</b> Thunderstorms early. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 70s.	<b>89/72</b> Scattered thunderstorms possible.	<b>89/72</b> Thunderstorms early. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 70s.

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THE HICKMAN COURIER

THE VOICE OF HICKMAN AND FULTON COUNTY

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Turning Back The Clock

25 Years Ago  
June 14, 1990

Obituaries: Major O. “Sally” Forsythe, 67; William Cooper Roberts, 76; Mrs. Gladys Hutchison Covington, 78; and Bryant C. Jennings, 57.

Jacob H. Shumate celebrated his first birthday on May 10, with a party at his home. He is the son of Rob and Linda Shumate.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Gavin McClure of Chula Vista, Calif., announce the birth of a son, Brandon Dale on June 10, at Cripps Memorial Hospital.

50 Years Ago  
June 17, 1965

The long awaited Direct Distance Dialing will go into use at 1:01 a.m., Sunday, June 20, in Hickman, according to local Southern Bell manager, Curtis Mathis.

Again this year Hickman will have fireworks on the Mississippi River. The Hickman Chamber will sponsor the event on Saturday night, July 3. The Hickman Jaycees are planning several afternoon events – concession stands and races.

Mrs. Fred Hawkins, the former Kitty Council, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.F. Council, received a BS degree May 31 from Lambuth College in Jackson, Tenn. She was honored for her scholastic achievement in the senior year by being placed on the Dean’s List. An elementary education major, Mrs. Hawkins has accepted a position to teach this fall in the Madison County School System in Pinson, Tenn.

75 Years Ago  
June 14, 1940

Buddy Dubia won the prize offered by J.F. Crouch, commander of the American Legion, for the first home run of the season made last Friday night when the crack Mayfield softball team came very near white-washing the legion team for which Dubia is the promising first baseman. The Mayfield group, substituting for the Murray team, which was unable to play was easily head and shoulders above the local boys and was about to leave the latter scoreless when young Dubia came in to save the day with the prize home run.

At a meeting of the Mirror Lake Fishing Club held Friday night the following officers were elected for the coming year: Dr. J.G. Samuels, president; D.P. Aquino, vice president; James Amberg, secretary-treasurer; and James Prather, manager.

The most important development in the European struggle during the past week was the declaration of war on England and France by premier Mussolini of Italy, and the beginning of hostilities at 5 a.m. Monday, June 10.

125 Years Ago  
June 14, 1890

The new Anchor Line Steamer “City of Hickman” is now finished and left Louisville Wednesday for St. Louis where she is to be furnished and in a few days enter the regular trade. She will make her first trip from St. Louis to New Orleans in place of the City of New Orleans, after which she will be returned to the St. Louis and Natchez trade, where she will remain permanently.

The city council yesterday contracted for a new Rumsey hand fire engine, cost \$1,200.

The Incorporators of the Hickman Savings Bank organized under their charge yesterday and opened books for subscription. The announcement is made that the new bank will commence business the first of September.

Letter to the Editor

Letter to the Editor,  
I would like to bring to attention the Board of Directors at Hickman-Fulton RECC (HFRECC) for keeping the membership so informed. Especially about how the IRS 990 forms that have to be filed by a non-profit organization such as HFRECC, WKRECC, and GEMC.

These IRS Forms shows salaries for:

HFRECC: CEO Grissom – 2,700 members - \$146,355  
WKRECC: CEO Smart – 38,000 members - \$186,578  
GEMC: CEO Rodamaker – 35,000 members - \$254,508

YES. THAT’S RIGHT, I’M POSITIVE! 2,700 members

Mr. Grissom being highly thought of while little about the owner/members that pay these salaries.

I know this will make some mad and sicken others, hopefully to the point of removing ALL the Directors of HFRECC. It only takes 300 members to sign a petition and ALL can be removed and replaced in one special called meeting.

Barry Joe Jackson  
CROC  
(Changing Result of our Cooperative)

Deed Transfers

The following Deed Transfers were recorded in the office of Fulton County Clerk Betty Abernathy Friday, May 29 through Tuesday, June 2:

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation of Carrollton, Texas to Robbie E. Kinney of Hickman, property in city of Hickman, value \$9,500, May 29.

Rosetta C. Mitchell and husband Lawrence Mitchell of Fulton, Ky. to Dique Dewayne Hollowell of Fulton, property in Fulton County, value \$4,000, May 29.

Thomas E. McDaniel to Wanda McDaniel, property in city of Fulton, paid \$1, June 1.

Fred Richard Kemp, Jr. and wife Ilone B. Kemp to Jeff B. Griffin, property in Fulton County, value \$10,000, June 1.

Kelly O’Connell of South Fulton, Tenn. to Tina E. Kanady and husband Kenneth L. Kanady of Fulton, property in city of Fulton, value \$30,000, June 1.

Jenna Byrd Lynch and husband

Jared Lynch to Elmer Keith Nicely and wife Mary Susan Nicely, property in Fulton County, value \$55,000, June 1.

Dianne E. Wood (also known as Dianna M. Wood) and Beverly Wuthrich to George M. Yates, property in city of Hickman, value \$10,500, June 2.

Sarah O. Cunningham to Strother W. Williams and wife Sherry F. Williams, property in city of Fulton, value \$85,000, June 2.

James Benjamin Coffey and wife Jentrie Lynn Coffey of Hickman to Justin Mathis and wife Kayla Mathis of Hickman, property in city of Hickman, value \$2,500, June 2.

John Dudley; Commonwealth of Kentucky, County of Fulton; City of Fulton, Kentucky; and Heritage Bank, A Kentucky Banking Corporation to AMBAM, A Major of Hickman and JBMM, LLC of Hopkinsville, Ky., city of Fulton, value \$6,000, June 2.



Photo by Charlotte Smith

**JUNE BUSINESS OF THE MONTH** - The Hickman Chamber of Commerce has chosen Coffey Construction as the June Chamber Business of the Month. Representing Coffey Construction are Crit All-britten (left) and James Coffey (right).

Dave Says...

by Dave Ramsey



Dear Dave,  
I’ve been in my current job for five years. I’ve also had a second job for three of those years, but now I’d like to make a change. Do you have any advice on how to convince a potential employer that I’m a good hire, even though I had a couple of jobs in the past that I quit after a month or two?

Bill  
Dear Bill,  
Quitting a job after a month or so isn’t normally some kind of sin that automatically disqualifies you from being hired. It might be with some corporate goober who’s looking at things through some silly, one-size-fits-all hiring paradigm, but that alone wouldn’t be the kiss of death around my office.

Now, would we look at something like that and want to know what happened and what your explanation was? Absolutely! But if it made sense, there wouldn’t be a problem. However, if it made you sound flighty or disgruntled with things in general, we’d probably pass.

My guess is that the fields you’re interested in are like most — there’s a lot of importance put on who you know. And I don’t mean this in a negative way. Work and try to develop good relationships with people in your field and those associated with it. If that’s in place, they can honestly give out positive references.

Knowing someone within the field or at the company, or being connected to someone with a positive reputation, can help you avoid the resumé slush pile. It can help cut through the mess and achieve clarity!

—Dave

Dear Dave,  
My wife cosigned a loan on a 2007 car for her sister. Now, it’s being repossessed, and \$23,000 is still owed on it at 20 percent. What can we do in this situation?

Pablo

Dear Pablo,  
Tell the bank or dealer where

the car is, and tell them to come pick it up. There’s no way to get out of the rest, my friend. You and your wife are going to be liable for whatever the car doesn’t bring in afterward. Let’s say it sells for \$4,000. That would be subtracted from what is owed, and it will still be up to you guys to pay the rest. You could always try to negotiate to settle it for pennies on the dollar. Based on what you’ve told me, that’s a best-case scenario.

The other thing I would do is demand a full audit on the account from day-one to present, because a 20 percent interest rate doesn’t explain why a car didn’t pay off — especially a \$23,000 car. If this was a \$5,000 car from a tote-the-note car lot, and they were ripping her off charging only interest — and that’s all anyone was paying, and she gave up and punted — that’s fine. You’re just looking for a little understanding of the situation. But \$23,000 cars don’t generally have 20 percent interest. That’s a pretty freaky deal, and I’d want to know where the money went.

From a bank’s perspective, I don’t see how anyone would think something like this would work out. The car was going down in value the entire time, so it just doesn’t make sense to me. Of course, if you have the cash lying around and it wouldn’t damage your finances, you could just take care of things and call it Stupid Tax.

Cosigning on a loan, especially with family, is never a good idea.

—Dave  
*\* Dave Ramsey is America’s trusted voice on money and business. He has authored five New York Times best-selling books. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 8.5 million listeners each week on more than 550 radio stations. Dave’s latest project, EveryDollar, provides a free online budget tool. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.*

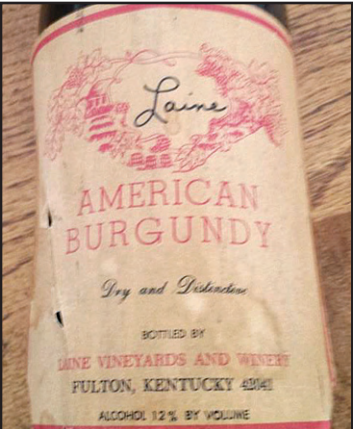
Curtsinger growing own way to fine wine

Daniel Richardson and Charlotte Smith

Tom Curtsinger, of Graves County, Ky., has developed a hobby of defying expectations. Several years ago, Curtsinger and a friend noticed that wineries were growing in popularity. They visited one to see what the attraction was, and were hooked.

“Some people want to go to a bar filled with smoke and loud music and a good fight now and then,” Curtsinger told Clinton Rotarians when he visited last Wednesday. “Then there are those that just want to relax and enjoy each other’s company in a quiet setting, where you can hear each other talk.” Curtsinger said wineries fill this void by providing a quiet, somewhat secluded location where visitors can come and try different types of wines, listen to quiet music, and get away from some of the noise that fills their life.

Having an agricultural



**BOTTLED IN FULTON, KY.** - This is one of the Laine Vineyards and Winery bottles of American Burgundy wine.



Fancy Farm Vineyard & Winery’s logo

background, Curtsinger fell naturally in step with growing grapes when he started Fancy Farm Vineyard and Winery, even defying the “experts” advice and expectations.

“I’ve been growing the grapes that the experts say you can’t grow in western Kentucky for the past eight years,” he said. With six acres of grapes growing on his farm, Curtsinger grows Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Chardonnay, Malbec, Riesling, and other varieties of grapes.

Wineries are not new to this area, Purple Toad Winery is located on the edge of Paducah, Ky. Where they invite you to come see where Kentucky grapes are turned into award winning wines, from sweet to dry and from Chardonnay to Cabernet Sauvignon.

Homage to the Editors of small town news

By Jeff Shell

The last few days have left me overwhelmed. My pretend journalism has brought me more than monetary value for my time. It has brought me into the lives of a generation that can share the history of the area as they lived it. Nice people that when are gone may never be replicated in the fast pace of today’s electronic world.

I have time to visit with them. When I leave. I leave a friend. I leave with history. A rich history of shared stories by people who were there. When they leave this world, my hope is that in some minute way, I have helped leave their legacy. In print. For when the electronics have crashed, only print will survive. Scholars and historians are still finding the written word. The printed word.

You see a photographer present at your charitable function snapping photos right and left, sharing short visits and you turn around; their gone. They are running to another event, another group picture, another story to cover, another official government meeting, another organization membership meeting because of their dedication and involvement in their community.

I have the pleasure of leisure in my pretend world journalism. I write a detailed and sometimes lengthy account. I have the time. They wish for it. I do

not envy the editors of today’s local newspapers. They are the photographer, the reporter, the columnist, the advertising account executive and sports writer. If they did not love their job, it would not be done. They go home to family or bring them if a late night happening hits as deadline approaches. Exhausted, feet hurting, hands cramping and the thoughts twirling through their head, wondering if they got the facts right. Sleep brings nightmares of a story gone wrong.

When you are cozy in your favorite chair and tired from the days event; think of the one who went to five or more, grabbing a bite on the run to the next. They’re not finished. Composition and layout needs to be done. Proof reading every inch of characters and punctuation in the line of words. The next time you call the newspaper office to complain that Awrecka’s or Johnnie Joe’s name was spelled wrong or the press release or picture wasn’t right, or the article you sent was bumped because a vital necessity needed to take its place; remember what they do with the super powers of today’s small town editor. The next time you see them out flashing through the crowd, stop them. Not for a lengthy visit. Just a simple “Thank you for what you do so well”... will be the reward for a job well done.

Secretary Vilsack announces additional 800,000 acres dedicated to CRP for Wildlife Habitat and Wetlands

Secretary Hails Program’s 30th Anniversary, Announces General Signup Period

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced today that an additional 800,000 acres of highly environmentally sensitive land may be enrolled in Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) under certain wetland and wildlife initiatives that provide multiple benefits on the same land.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will accept new offers to participate in CRP under a general signup to be held Dec. 1, 2015, through Feb. 26, 2016. Eligible existing program participants with contracts expiring Sept. 30, 2015, will be granted an option for one-year extensions. Farmers and ranchers interested in removing sensitive land from agricultural production and planting grasses or trees to reduce soil erosion, improve water quality and restore wildlife habitat are encouraged to enroll.

For 30 years, the Conservation Reserve Program has helped farmers and ranchers prevent more than 8 billion tons of soil from eroding, reduce nitrogen and phosphorous runoff relative to cropland by 95 and 85 percent respectively, and even sequester 43 million tons of greenhouse gases annually, equal to taking 8 million cars off the road.

The voluntary Conservation Reserve Program allows USDA to contract with agricultural producers so that environmentally sensitive land is conserved. Participants establish long-term, resource-conserving plant species to control soil erosion,

improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat. In return, USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Contract duration is between 10 and 15 years.

CRP protects water quality and restores significant habitat for ducks, pheasants, turkey, quail, deer and other important wildlife, which spurs economic development like hunting and fishing, outdoor recreation and tourism across rural America. Today’s announcement allows an additional 800,000 acres for duck nesting habitat and other wetland and wildlife habitat initiatives to be enrolled in the program.

Farmers and ranchers should consider the various CRP continuous sign-up initiatives that may help target specific resource concerns. Financial assistance is offered for many practices including conservation buffers and pollinator habitat plantings, and initiatives such as the highly erodible lands, bottomland hardwood tree and longleaf pine.

Farmers and ranchers may visit their FSA county office for additional information. The 2014 Farm Bill authorized the enrollment of grasslands in CRP and information on grasslands enrollment will be available after the regulation is published later this summer.

For more information on CRP and other FSA programs, please visit [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

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## Miss Dotson, Malone to wed June 27

Mr. and Mrs. Randy J. Dotson of Union City, Tennessee, would like to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Carlie Elizabeth Dotson of Union City, Tennessee to Joseph Clint Malone of Hickman, Kentucky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Malone of Hickman, Kentucky.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Dotson of Linden, Tennessee and Mrs. Martha Nell Parker

and the late Mr. William David Parker of Brownsville, Tennessee.

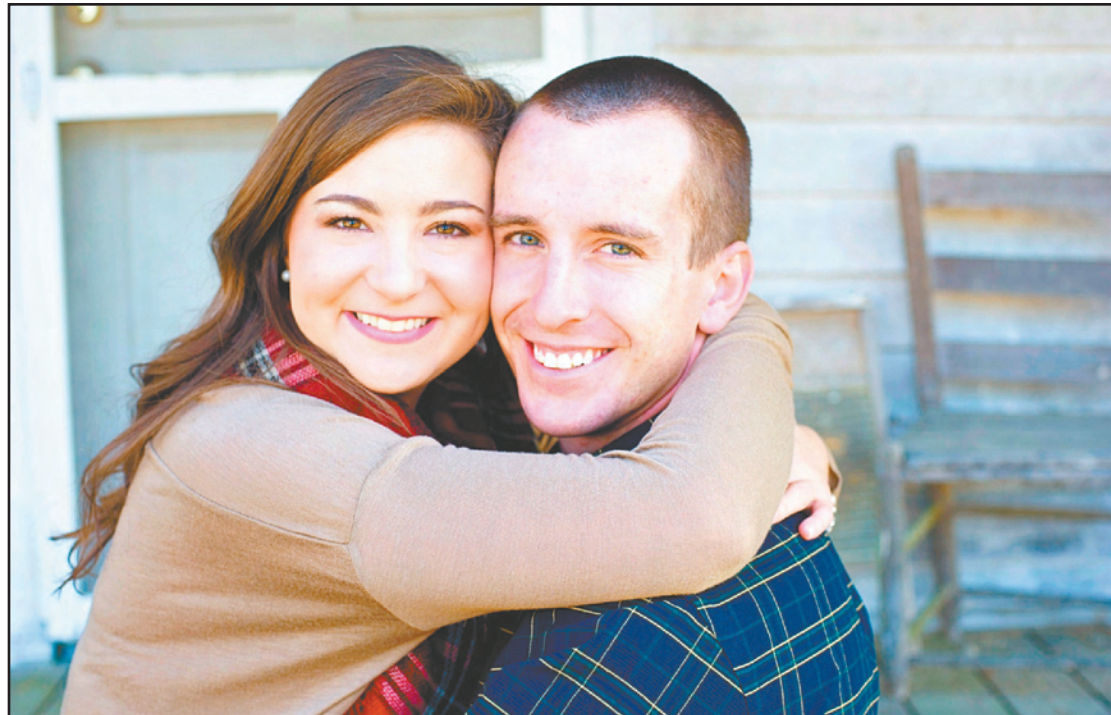
She is a 2011 graduate of Union City High School, and she graduated with a degree in Elementary Education in May 2015 from Union University.

The groom-elect is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clyde Malone of Hickman, Kentucky and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Bowers of Hickman, Kentucky.

He is a 2009 graduate of Ful-

ton County High School and attended Western Kentucky University. He graduated with a degree in Electrical Engineering in 2014 from WKU. He is an electrical engineer for Southwest Tennessee Electrical Cooperation in Brownsville, Tennessee.

The couple will exchange vows in a private ceremony on Saturday, June 27, 2015 in Humboldt, Tennessee. A private reception will follow the ceremony.



Carlie Elizabeth Dotson and Joseph Clint Malone



Family members and friends are a large part of successful diabetes treatments for everyone, especially seniors. These important people in your life make you feel like you are not alone in dealing with your diabetes. They are an especially important support system if you have depression in diabetes.

Family and close friends play such an important role in your life in managing your diabetes. Specifically, they can help with three things:

- Gathering information and knowledge
- Providing support and caring, especially if you have depression
- Helping you implement your lifelong diabetes treatment plan

They can also help you determine what foods to eat on a regularly basis. Often times people might be led to believe that they have to eat special "diabetic food," but that isn't the case. You do, however, need to learn how to eat healthy, regular foods in the correct amounts to maintain good blood-glucose control. Your doctor, registered dietitian or diabetes educator can

help you create the right food plan for you.

Following a schedule for meals and snacks is usually best. However, some diabetes medicines will allow for a bit more flexibility. Your healthcare expert will advise you on how to manage your meals and snacks to take care of your diabetes and feel your best.

Here's a diabetes-friendly recipe for mini chocolate tarts you can make with your grandchildren. It is a great treat that doesn't serve up too many carbs or calories.

### Mini Chocolate Tarts

#### Ingredients

- 1.4 ounces sugar-free, fat-free chocolate pudding mix
- 1 cup skim milk
- 4 ounces light whipped topping, thawed
- 24 puff pastry cups
- 48 mini-chocolate chips

#### Instructions:

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Bake the puff-pastry cups according to package directions. In a large bowl, whisk together the pudding mix and skim milk. Put in the refrigerator for 5 minutes.

Fold the whipped topping into the pudding mixture. Spoon or pipe 1 teaspoon chocolate pudding mixture into each puff pastry cup. Top each tart with 2 mini chocolate chips.

•Source: American Diabetes Association

**Editor's Note:** Information for this article obtained from the Good Neighbor Pharmacy, Health Connection, March 2015 newsletter.

Weekly activities at the Senior Center include Monday, June 15: 11:30 – Bingo; Tuesday, June 16 – 10:30 – Jim Legg – Chinese Exercise; Wednesday, June 17: 10:30 – Life Line Homecare – B/P, and 11:30 – Bingo; Thursday,

June 18: 10:00 – Sassafras Ridge – Devotion and singing; Thursday, June 18: 10:30 – Corn Hole; Friday, June 19 – 11:30 – Bingo.

Bingo is played every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week (25¢ a card) on these days immediately following lunch, at approximately 11:30.

Bingo winners were Monday, June 1: Mary H. McCauley, James Griffith, Mary Lou Curlin, and coverall Betty Fields; Wednesday, June 3: Julia Davis, Henry Higgins, James Griffith, and coverall Josephine Warren; and Friday, June 5: Josephine Warren, Mary H. McCauley, Doris Lattus, and coverall James Griffith.

Rook winners last week were Shirley Shaw, Julia Davis, Robert White, Helen Drewry, Lana Edwards, Josephine Warren, Vonciel Leyhue, Maria Jackson, and Judy Milner.

The following items will be served at the Senior Center next week:

#### Monday, June 15

Cuban style pork roast, mashed potatoes, buttered spinach, whole-wheat roll, fruit cobbler, and skim milk.

#### Tuesday, June 16

Herb baked chicken, new potatoes, stewed tomatoes and okra, whole-wheat roll, peach slices, and skim milk.

#### Wednesday, June 17

Hamburger on bun, lettuce and tomato, baked potato, margarine and sour cream, garden rice, fruit cup, and skim milk.

#### Thursday, June 18

Tuna salad on wheat bread, potato salad, black bean and corn relish, cheddar cheese, mandarin oranges, and skim milk.

#### Friday, June 19

BBQ Riblett, navy beans, cooked cabbage, cornbread, brownie, and skim milk.

## National FFA scholarship awarded to Dixie Major

The National FFA Organization awarded a \$2,000 John Deere Dealer scholarship to Dixie Major, daughter of Mindy and Rick Major. Major is 2015 graduate of Fulton County High School and a member of FFA. The scholarship is sponsored by Hutson Inc. as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. Major plans to use the funds to pursue a degree at Western Kentucky University.

This scholarship is one of 2,156 awarded through the National FFA Organization's scholarships program this year. Currently 127 sponsors contribute more than \$2.7 million to support scholarships for students.

For 31 years, scholarships have been made available through funding secured by the National FFA Foundation. This generous funding comes from individuals, businesses and corporate sponsors to encourage excellence and enable students to pursue their educational goals.

The 2015 scholarships recipients were selected from 7,171 applicants from across the country. Selections were based on the applicant's leadership, academic record, FFA and other school and community activities, supervised agricultural or work experience in agricultural education and future goals.



Dixie Major

The National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 610,240 student members who belong to one of 7,665 local FFA chapters throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.



The following Marriage License was recorded in the office of Fulton County Clerk Betty Abernathy: Elmeda M. Blackburn of Fulton,



Drew Worley of Love and Sarah LeAnn Bradley

## Miss Bradley, Worley of Love will exchange vows July 4

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas R. Bradley of Cayce, Ky., would like to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Sarah LeAnn Bradley to Drew Worley of Love of Hickman, Ky., son of Thomas David Worley of Woodland Mills, Tenn. and Holly McNeill of Hickman, Ky.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scoggins of Mayfield,

Ky., and the late Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Bradley of Hickman, Ky.

She is a 2013 graduate of Fulton County High School and attends Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia, Ky. She is employed at The Citizens Bank of Hickman and Fulton.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Myatt of Hickman and Mr. and Mrs. David Worley of Woodland Mills.

He is a 2014 graduate of Fulton County High School and attends Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia, Ky.

The couple will exchange vows on Saturday, July 4th, 2015, at 1 p.m. in Woodland Mills.

A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony at the church in the Acts building. The dance will be held at Cayce Junction Jamboree (old Cayce High School) in Cayce at 5 p.m.

All are invited to attend.



The Hickman Courier wishes all these good folks a very happy birthday! Help make their days more special by remembering them with a card or a phone call.

**June 15** – Cindy Henderson and Eboni Smith.

**June 16** – Charles L. Harrison, Jr., Ricky Parnell, Betty Clark, Anthony Burcham, Betty Cagle, Bill Murray, JaMaal Crumple, and Joyce Busby Ayers.

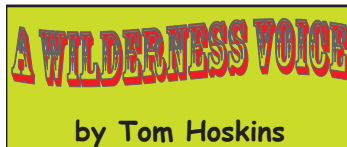
**June 17** – Scott Wright, Danny Duncan, Sam Crittendon, Elizabeth Brock, Stevie Smith, and Alexis Avery.

**June 18** – Sandra Brooks, Mike Vaught, Joey Griffith, Cathy Jackson, Patricia Simmons, Tyler Vowell, Madisyn Grace Spillers, and Azariah NaShelle Busby.

**June 19** – James DeHart, Maranda Copeland, Kady Elliott, and Barbara Atwill.

**June 20** – Doris Harrison, Pat Major, Jeanne Poynor, Billy Franklin Jones, Mark Williams, Lola Lynnay Newton, Cleora Nicholson, and Ralph Fitzpatrick.

**June 21** – Alvah Guess, Jackie Duncan, Judy Shell, and Cory Finch.



### THOUGHT PROVOKING

I was sitting in my wife's room at ICF (thank God we hope to be coming home Saturday) looking at a tree just outside the window. I think God's creation is amazing and I love trees. The branches moved gently back and forth as the leaves fluttered lightly. I watched the sight for several minutes, nothing unusual, nothing I had not seen a thousand times, but just as wonderful, just as touching to the soul and spirit as ever it was.

The tree appeared to be alive. Actually, it is. It has plant life. But that mysterious movement, sometimes gentle, sometimes strong...it is the wind, the power of God. He who "gathers the wind in his fists" (Prov. 30:4). Then he directs it whithersoever he will.

So with the believer. He moves and has his being as the Spirit of God (pneuma, Greek for both wind and spirit) moves him. The scriptures came by "holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (2Pet. 1: 21). Then, "What, don't you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit it that is in you, which you have of God" (that is, the believer in Jesus) 1Cor. 6:19.

Isn't it strange we go for long periods of time, perhaps days, and never realize, are aware, consult or consider the presence of the Spirit in us? We ignore his conviction and cleansing, his power and purpose for our lives.

I preach a sermon, "The Most Mistreated Person In Church." You guessed rightly, it's the Holy Spirit. Would anyone argue that might also be true of every individual Christian? Mistreating the Holy Spirit. More pointed; what of your life? Mine?

## FC Genealogical society meets

By Jeff Shell

A recent visit to the group, The Fulton County Genealogical Society, by Civil War historian Dr. Reid Holland brought a wealth of information about the city of Fulton's involvement and support of the Confederate soldiers at Camp Beauregard. 'Fulton Station' was vital in gathering supplies and troops from all over the south. The camp just east of Water Valley and a mile north of then Feliciana had its own locomotive that ran the rails carrying troops and supplies between Fulton and Mayfield. Dr. Holland said the locomotive was operated until it wore out. When the Confederates vacated Camp Beauregard and left Fulton, they blew it up so no parts would be left of use to the Union.

Up to 7,000 Confederate soldiers were stationed at Camp Beauregard from September of 1861 until March of 1862. Not directly

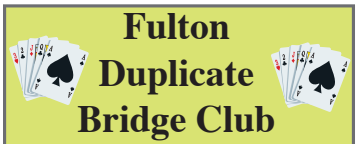
involved in battle; they were there to help protect the right flank of the troops at Columbus. Mostly playing 'cat and mouse' with the Union soldiers at Viola coming into Mayfield. They were poorly equipped, poorly trained and poorly sheltered during one of the harshest winters on record. In just seven months, as many as 1,500 deaths were caused from being ravaged by disease before it was ordered to evacuate and be burned.

A monument placed in 1909 by the United Daughters of the Confederacy reads in part: "In memory of the loyal men who died here and were thus denied the glory of heroic service in battle." The monument is said to be above one of possibly three mass graves.

Dr. Holland now residing in Tallassee, Alabama grew up in Fulton and graduated from Fulton County School. The Fulton County Genealogical Society meets the 3rd Thursday of every month at the Keg on Lake Street in downtown Fulton at 11:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend the programs. A meal is provided for the cost of \$9.00 (includes tip). Checks are made payable to: The Fulton County Genealogical Society.



Hickman Duplicate Bridge Club winners for Tuesday, June 2 were as follows: Betty Amberg and Nancy Richards, first place; and Betty Jo Wheeler and Bertha Henry, second place.



Fulton Duplicate Bridge Club winners for Monday, June 8 were: Flt. A: Bonnie Poynor and Steve Van Cise, first place; Jane Baker and Bill Petrie, second place; and Bertha Henry and Margie Cannon, third place.



Ky. and Freddie Allen Sutton of South Fulton, Tenn., May 19.

LaDonna Pirtle of Fulton, Ky. and Larry James Turner of Fulton, June 1.

### Bridal Registry

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Bethany Walters & Jake Hart

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**JUNE 20, 2015**  
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# Relay for Life Night - June 5, 2015



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2015. Two team awards were presented. One went to The Citizens Bank for raising over \$5,000; the other award went to the Cayce Cancer Crew for raising over \$10,000. Clockwise from top left, the Survivors lap including Richard and Marian Kay Roberts, Shelia Brewer, Gertrude Austin, Ted Hopkins, and Joey Parker; Shawana Vowell, with The Citizens Bank team and Greg Curlin with Cayce Cancer Crew at the pie eating contest; Cayce Cancer Crew awards for past two years; Cayce Cancer Crew; Alexis Edgin's Lemonade stand for the Friends for a Cure team; Cancer survivor Joey Lynn Parker and wife Carol Ann Parker; and Cancer survivor Carolyn Jones, Sue Hopkins and Ted Hopkins.



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## Obituaries

### Jennifer Pitts

Jennifer Pitts, 36, a resident of Tiptonville, Tenn., died May 22, 2015.

Born February 14, 1979, she was the daughter of Charlotte Phipps of Brighton, Tenn., and the late Michael Phipps.

Survivors include her husband, Randy Pitts; one daughter,

Elizabeth Pitts of Tiptonville; one son, Thomas Pitts of Tiptonville.

Private memorial services were held at Reelfoot Lake. Cremation services are under the direction of Covington Funeral Home.

Friends may sign an online guestbook at [www.covingtonfuneralhome.com](http://www.covingtonfuneralhome.com).

### Hal Miller

Mr. Hal Miller, 61, a resident of Hickman, Ky., died on June 5, 2015 from injuries resulting from a tractor accident.

Born August 7, 1953, he was the son of the late Harold and Mary Lynn Miller. He was retired veteran from the U.S. Coast Guard and a self-employed truck driver. Mr. Miller was a member of the Sassafraz Ridge Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Miller of Hickman; two sons, Joey Miller of Bebe, Ark., and Todd Eddington of Hickman; two daughters, Sabrina Miller of Van Buren, Ark. and Tracy Eddington of Hickman; four brothers, Harold Miller, Jr. and David Miller, both of Portageville, Mo., Jerry

Miller of Point Pleasant, Mo., and Eric Miller of Utah; five sisters, Joyce Combs of Jackson, Tenn., Ann Brandenburge of Point Pleasant, Mo., Janet Shelly of Osceola, Ark., and Sandra Gray and Melissa Jane Mayes, both of Portageville, Mo.; and 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held June 7, at Strong Funeral Home with Rev. Charles Southerland officiating. Burial followed in Brownsville Cemetery near Hickman.

Pallbearers were Beau Simmons, Shannon Moran, Mitch Eddington, Cameron Eddington, Nathan Eddington and Michael Miller.

## Hickman Police Department News

The Hickman Police Department reports these arrests, citations, investigations and fire calls for Hickman and Cayce Volunteer Fire Departments for Monday, June 1 through Sunday, June 7:

Monday, June 1:

- Followed up on a call at the Police Department.
- Responded to a call on Walnut St.
- Gas drive off at Little General.
- Responded to a 911 hang up on 7th St.

Tuesday, June 2:

- Gas drive off at Little General.
- Responded to a call at Little General.

Wednesday, June 3:

- Loud music complaint on Walnut St.
- Animal complaint on Troy Ave.
- Responded to a call at Indian Hills.

- Traffic stop on Moulton St. – Hunter Cranick arrested for obstructed view, failure of owner to maintain insurance, operating on a suspended license, and operating under the influence.

Thursday, June 4:

- Warrant served – Melvin Roach arrested for failure to appear.

- Responded to a call at the Police Department.
- Responded to a call on Claybow Dr.
- Traffic stop on 1099 Bypass.
- Loud music complaint on 7th St.

- Responded to a possible reckless driver on Park St.
- Traffic stop on 1099 Bypass.
- Responded to a call at Indian Hills.

- Responded to an accident on Bond Hill.

Friday, June 5:

- Responded to a call at Bunge.

- Hickman Vol. Fire Dept responded to a kitchen fire on Broadway St.

- Responded to a hit and run on Terrace Dr.

- Responded to a commercial alarm on Moscow Ave.

Saturday, June 6:

- Responded to a possible reckless driver on Myron Cory Dr.

- Animal complaint on Walker Ave.

- Assisted Tri-City EMS at Little General.

- Responded to a motor vehicle accident on 7th St.

- Hickman Vol. Fire Dept responded to a grass fire at Hamby Pond.

- Traffic stop on 1099 Bypass.
- Warrant issued – Donald Nettles arrested for failure to appear.

- Responded to a motor vehicle accident on Carroll St.

- Traffic stop on Union City Hwy.

Sunday, June 7:

- Traffic stop on Myron Cory Dr. – Donnell Wilks arrested for driving on a suspended operator's license and no insurance.

- Responded to a 911 hang up on Moscow Ave.

- Traffic stop on Broadway St.

- Responded to a residential alarm on Union City Hwy.

- Animal complaint on Brooklyn St.

*Editor's Note:* This information was submitted in its entirety by a representative of the City of Hickman Police Department. Any corrections, changes, or deletions contact the Police Department at 270-236-2520.

## Bluff Briefs

### Recycling coming to Cayce

Recycling of paper products will be collected on Saturday, June 13, 2015, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., at the Cayce Fire Department in Cayce.

### Summer Reading Program at Hickman Public Library

The Hickman Public Library will host their annual Summer Reading Program again this year. Program events include June 5 at 3 p.m. – Kick off and Registration; June 5 – July 28 – Reading Contest; Every Friday at 10 a.m. – Story Hour; July 7 at 3 p.m. – Animal Tales; July 14 at 3 p.m. – Hooked on Science; July 21 at 3 p.m. – Hometown Heroes; July 28 at 3 p.m. – Library Theater and Reading Awards; July 31 at 7 p.m. – Family Movie Night. For more information call 270-236-2464.

### Fulton County Genealogical Society to meet

The Fulton County Genealogical Society will meet on June 18 at 11:15 at the Keg Restaurant in Fulton. A buffet will be served. The cost is \$9 per person, this includes tax and a dollar tip for the waitress. It will make it much easier on the Treasurer if you pay by check. Last month's buffet was very delicious. Please call Joan at [731-479-9726] or email [jliving11@yahoo.com] by June 16th Tuesday to let her know if you are going to eat the buffet. The speaker will be Emily Adkin who writes for the Hometown Magazine. Emily is calling her topic "Tombstone Tales: How cemeteries can help in family history research." Mrs. Adkins says that she has gotten significant clues from tombstone inscriptions and a few laughs from them as well.

Visitors are welcome. Bring a friend.

### Revival at Cayce Baptist Church

Week of Revival at Cayce Baptist Church, Sunday, June 14 through Wednesday, June 17. Services on Sunday will be at 5 p.m., Monday through Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Different preacher each night. The Mission team will consist of about 25 members.

### Women's Bible Study

The Ladies Mission Team at Cayce Baptist Church will be teaching a Women's Bible Study Monday through Wednesday, June 14 – 16, at 9:30 a.m.

## Fulton Co. Sheriff's Department News

The Fulton County Sheriff's Department reports these arrests and citations for Wednesday, June 3 through Sunday, June 7:

Wednesday, June 3:

- Preston Buchanan of Hickman, Ky., white male, arrested, driving on DUI suspended license – 1<sup>st</sup> offense.

- Don G. McClain of Hickman, white male, arrested, violation of terms and conditions of his probation.
- George W. Scott of Fulton, Ky., white male, citation, speeding 72/55 mph zone.

Friday, June 5:

- Perrish Okeley of South Fulton, Tenn., white male, arrested, terroristic threatening, 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, stalking 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, retaliating against participant in legal process.

- Jere L. Holt of Princeton, Ky., white male, citation,

speeding 86/55 mph zone.

Saturday, June 6:

- Derrick W. Haynes of South Fulton, white male, citation, speeding 75/55 mph zone.

- Caleb D. Poe of Rutherford, Tenn., white male, citation, speeding 74/55 mph zone, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, 1<sup>st</sup> offense.

- Whitney D. Hendrix of Hickman, black male, arrested, speeding 78/55 mph zone, operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs/etc. .08 – 1<sup>st</sup> offense, contempt of court libel/slander resistance to order (bond violation conditions).

- Roy A. Swift, Jr. of Dyersburg, Tenn., black male, arrested, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, 1<sup>st</sup> offense, possession of open alcohol beverage

container in motor vehicle prohibited, operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs/etc. .08 – 1<sup>st</sup> offense.

Sunday, June 7:

- Logan J. Parrett of Versilles, Ky., white male, citation, speeding 71/55 mph zone.

- Shwun L. Hardy of Tiptonville, Tenn., black male, arrested, operating on suspended or revoked operator's license, no registration plates, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, 1<sup>st</sup> offense, failure to surrender suspended/revoked operator's license.

*Editor's Note:* This information was submitted in its entirety by a representative of the Fulton County's Sheriff's Office. Any corrections, changes, or deletions contact the Sheriff's office at 270-236-2545.



Photo by Charles Choate

**SCHOOL RENOVATION PLANS** - Fulton County School System officials listen to Scott Noel (center), of ND3 Engineering, during a special called School Board meeting last week. Noel showed the board members plans and diagrams of construction work scheduled at both the high school and middle school. The project will include a new security entrance at the middle school and new bathroom facilities at both locations. Shown during the presentation with Noel is school board members (clockwise) Rob Garrigan, Dale Vowell, Kim Hagler, Perry Turner, Barry Patrick and Middle School Principal Julie Jackson.

## School Renovations

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board realizes this is no direct cost to the district, they do realize their employees will take a direct hit.

Information presented to the board included the following:

"Currently Fulton County School employees pay City tax at 1.5% in the amount of approximately \$55,600. Classified employees receive an annual raise of at least 1.5% which increases the City tax paid every year. For the 15-16 school year all employees are receiving a state mandated raise of 2% and with the 1/2% increase in the City tax this will raise the amount paid annually to approximately \$75,600. This \$10,000 will be a 36% increase in City tax for Fulton County School employees alone.

The average Classified employee will pay an additional \$85.50 annually and the average Certified employee will pay an additional \$286.56 annually in City tax."

The board did approve a motion to submit a letter in writing to be read at the City Commission meeting on Monday, June 8, on behalf of their employees asking the Commission to consider all their options before adopting the ordinance to raise the payroll tax. They also agreed to send out a mass e-mail to all employees encouraging them to attend the meeting on their own behalf.

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**OUT AT HOME** - Broc Bridges, catcher for the Hickman Hornets, is ready with the ball in his glove to tag out the Giants runner at the plate. The Hornets played a double header in Fulton on Thursday, June 4 losing the first game 4-3.



Photo by Charlotte Smith

**TAKING ONE FOR THE TEAM** - It looks like Hickman Hornet batter Devyn (Webbie) Turner is feeling the brunt of the ball in his back, but the umpire ruled it hit the bat first and called in a foul ball. Turner reached first base safely a couple of pitches later. The Hickman Hornets played in Fulton Thursday, June 4.

## Four types of Venomous snakes reside in the United States

There are four different types of venomous snakes in the United States, cottonmouths, rattlesnakes, copperheads and coral snakes. The cottonmouths have elliptical pupils and range in color from black to green. They have a white stripe along the side of their heads. They are often found in or around water, but have also adapted to live well on land. Young snakes have a bright yellow tail. They are often loners, so if you see multiple snakes coexisting peacefully, it is probably not a cottonmouth.

Rattlesnakes – look for the rattle on the tail. Some harmless snakes imitate the rattle by brushing their tails through leaves, but only rattlesnakes have the button-like rattle at the end of the tail. If you can't see the rattle, they also have a heavy triangular head and elliptical eyes like a cat's.

Copperheads – these beauties have a similar body shape to cottonmouths but are much brighter, ranging from coppery brown to bright orange, silver-pink and peach. The young have yellow tails as well.

Coral snakes – another beautiful but deadly snake is the Coral snake – so beautiful that other snakes - not-venomous ones such as the Milk snake – look just like them. They have distinctive coloring, though, with a black, yellow and red bands, a yellow head, and a black band over their nose. One rhyme to help distinguish coral snakes from king snakes is 'Red to yellow, kill a fellow. Red to black, friend of Jack.' Another variation is 'Red on black, venom lack; red on yellow, deadly fellow.' However, most of the time coral snakes will not bite – they are very shy. There are no known deaths from the Arizona coral snake and only a few from the Eastern Coral snake.

Another clue is the color patterns. Venomous snakes in the U.S. tend to have varying colors. Most snakes that are one solid color are completely harmless. However, some cottonmouths are also venomous so this is not a foolproof way to tell them apart. Check out their head shape.



Photo by Charlotte Smith

**KNOWING THE DIFFERENCE** - Chad Parker holds up a western water snake found at Hamby Pond on Saturday. This snake is not venomous. There are four types of venomous snakes in the United States.

Non-venomous snakes have a spoon-shaped rounded head and venomous snakes will have a more triangular head. This is because of the venom glands (this is less noticeable on the coral snake).

Look for the heat sensor. Some venomous snakes in the U.S. will have a small depression between the eye and the nostril. This is

called a pit (hence "pit viper"), which is used by the snake to sense heat in their prey. Coral snakes are not pit vipers, and lack this feature.

This is just one method to utilize how to tell if a snake is venomous or not. There are other methods available on line to help you determine if a slithering creature is harmless or not.



**MAYORAL PROCLAMATION** - On Thursday, June 4, several Woodmen of the World representatives were present at City Hall for a Mayoral Proclamation signed by Hickman Mayor David Lattus. Those present include: (l to r) Edna Earl Roper, Bro. James Roberson, Linda Rice, Fulton County Clerk Betty Abernathy, Bernice Roberson, Kathi Lattus, and Julia Davis. The proclamation is in conjunction with the 125th anniversary of the founding of WoodmenLife. Omaha-headquartered WoodmenLife was founded on June 6, 1890, by Joseph Cullen Root, Iowa native who envisioned making death benefits available to those of moderate means at a time when they were only available to the wealthy; and WoodmenLife has been an active part of the Hickman area since April 28, 1898, providing career and volunteer opportunities for Hickman residents. Mayor Lattus declared Saturday, June 6, WoodmenLife Day in Hickman, Ky.

## Sports In Kentucky For the Hickman Courier

By Bob Watkins

North Carolina is officially on the NCAA clock. Respond within 90 days (from May 20) to a 59-page notice of allegations that include accusation of worst offenses: Academic fraud and lack of institutional control.

Five major violations Carolina administrators vigorously tried to confine to academic misdeeds and not athletics.

What relevance in Kentucky? Three decades ago, amid derisive cacklings from fans Chapel Hill to Louisville and magazine covers, University of Kentucky basketball was in the (NCAA) dock, found guilty and punished for much the same things.

✓ If Carolina is found guilty of the most shameful allegations, we will see if sanctions amount to wrist slap or rise to level of the hammer job on UK in the late 1980.

Of the five allegations that reach back to early 1990s, reading between the lines: Points two, three and four amount to take-the-fall-for-the-program(s) on officials who have retired, resigned or gone elsewhere including the school president, director of athletics and football coaches.

Alleged violations number one and five are enough to cause UNC officials to quake and basketball coaches to lawyer up, prepare for plausible deniability. That the NCAA letter does not accuse basketball coach Roy Williams, one can conclude that 'ignorance to goings on' will be an acceptable defense.

**Scenario:** Still, the idea is intriguing – see Williams arrive at NCAA headquarters in Indianapolis in crisp slacks, best white shirt, blue tie and sky blue blazer, professorial rimless glasses and briefcase and Johnny Appleseed face ready to persuade NCAA officials "... I did not know any of this was going on and so I am not responsible and should not be held accountable."

There is precedent for the ignorance defense of course which the NCAA can apply to give Williams a pass.

Meanwhile, with 90 days to respond (from May 20) Carolina officials will have most difficulty explaining:

✓ Violation number one: The institution provided impermissible benefits to student athletes.

And ...

✓ Number five: The institution exhibited a lack of institutional control in regard to the special arrangements constituting impermissible benefits athletics academic counselors and staff within African and Afro-American Studies (AFRI/AFAM) department provided to student-athletes."

Having read *Cheated*, a poignant expose' by Jay Smith and former UNC academic official Mary Willingham about basketball and football players at Carolina, I believe, if the NCAA applies same justice to Carolina basketball as it did Kentucky three decades ago, the school's two revenue producing programs are headed for probation, loss of scholarships and maybe forfeiture of wins.

Moreover, institutionalized cheating – paper classes, gift grades to sustain player

eligibility and collective look-the-other-way deniability by athletics officials at Chapel Hill – demonstrate how these things can be accomplished in secret at other big-time college sports programs.

North Carolina, according to Smith and Willingham's book, enrolled at least one basketball player who, it was discovered, could neither read or write. But he could play.

Flaws in the system that can be managed.

✓ Because a college student-athlete's class load and course selections are confidential by law, legitimate progress toward a degree are subject to manipulation by those whose incentive is – keep him/her eligible – coaches and administrators.

✓ And, a program prone to boast about team grade point average but not required to reveal individual players' GPA, lends itself to distortion. For instance, names of walk-ons and bench warmers frequently dot honor rolls and academic progress reports, but not scholarship players.

North Carolina. Stay tuned.

**PROHM'S DONE DEAL?**

Dateline March 26: News came that Murray State and ball coach Steve Prohm had signed a contract extension through next year. Pay hike? \$75,000 to \$270,000. Radio and television contracts would hike his annual take to \$300,000, not including incentives.

Prohm spoke glowingly of love for and loyalty to Murray State.

"It feels great," he said in a text to The Associated Press. "Ready to get back to work."

Contract signed and sealed, done deal, right? Maybe not.

Dateline June 8: Prohm interviewed for the Iowa State

job. Fred Hoiberg had walked out of his eight year \$2.5 million per year contract to coach the Chicago Bulls.

Contracts and ball coaches, huh?

**AMERICAN PHAROAH**

Credit put where it belongs and context too, trainer Bob Baffert said it best. "He's the one who did it. We were basically passengers."

Chief passenger is one-time goat farmer-turned-bus driver in Mexico, Victor Espinoza. The jockey said, "... I'm donating all the money to the City of Hope (Cancer Center)."

Magnificent horse, American Pharoah. His glory days are coming ... will stand at stud for fee prices only Warren Buffett and Mark Cuban and a ball coach or two can afford.

Best description of Pharoah's ride in the Belmont came from ESPN's Ian O'Connor: "In the presence of greatness, I couldn't help but think this horse deserved to be written up on Steinbeck's laptop, or Hemingway's, and certainly not mine."

Well said all round.

Perspective? Since Kentuckian Steve Cauthen rode Affirmed to the triple crown in 1978, 13 horses have won the Kentucky Derby and Preakness, 12 made it to the Belmont Stakes and didn't win.

Footnote. Anybody else wonder how news of American Pharoah's success played in Egypt?

**PARTING SHOT**

"I have a higher and grander standard of principle than George Washington. He could not tell a lie.

"I can. But I won't." – Mark Twain

And so it goes.

### Court Sale

Pursuant to a JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF SALE in Civil Action No. 14-CI-00082, dated March 26, 2015, styled JAMOS FUND I, LP, PLAINTIFF vs. RICHARD L. SCARBROUGH; JERI SCARBROUGH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RICHARD L. SCARBROUGH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JERI SCARBROUGH; UNKNOWN OCCUPANT, TENANT, OR LESSEE; REGIONS BANK SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO UNION PLANTERS BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF FULTON; CITY OF HICKMAN, KENTUCKY; and SOUTHERN TAX SERVICE, LLC, DEFENDANTS, I will on **TUESDAY the 30TH day of JUNE 2015**, at the hour of **10:00 a.m.** at the north door of the Fulton County Courthouse in Hickman, Kentucky, sell to the highest and best bidder the following described real estate located at 115 Tenth Street, Hickman, Kentucky, to wit:

**Lots nos. 15, 16, and the north half of Lot No. 17 and all lying and being in Block B as the same is shown and designated on the plat of the Industrial League Addition to the City of Hickman, a plat of which Addition being of record in Deed Book 28, Page 296, Fulton County Clerk's Office.**

**Being the same property conveyed to Richard L. Scarbrough and Jeri Scarbrough, by Deed dated January 22, 2002, of record in Deed Book 160, Page 94, in the Office of the Clerk of Fulton County, Kentucky.**

This property shall be sold to the highest and best bidder and the sale shall be for cash or in the alternative, the Master will take from the purchaser ten percent (10%) of the purchase price, in cash together with bonds (for the remainder of the purchase price) with good and sufficient surety, bearing interest from the day of the sale and payable to the Master Commissioner within 30 days of the date of the sale. The real estate described cannot be divided without materially impairing the value; therefore the real estate shall be sold as a whole.

**The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes assessed against the property for the tax year 2015 and all subsequent years.**

This sale is to collect a judgment against the subject property and against the Defendant(s) in the principal amount of \$3,269.89, plus accrued interest at the rate of 12% per annum from April 1, 2015, until paid.

**Amanda A. Major**  
Master Commissioner



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**FULTON RAILROADERS**

Sat. June 13 vs. Owensboro; Sun. June 14, vs. Madisonville; Mon. June 15, vs. Dubois Co.  
ALL at 7:05 p.m. at Fulton's Lohaus Field





Bridging the Gap

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“It won’t affect the ferry which crosses from Dorena to Hickman on a daily basis,” he said. “It would remain in operation because it is associated with Homeland Security.”

Ultimately the voices of MCIDA propose to kill two birds with one stone. “If we build a bridge connecting the (Mississippi County) Port to Wickliffe, it provides our Port with access to rail,” explained George. “We would be one mile from the rail at Wickliffe to assist the moving of containers once they come through our Port.” The other option, which might not be realistic, is to connect to the nearest rail in Missouri at New Madrid, which is 40 miles away and would cost \$1 million a mile to build.

The economic impact would breathe new life into the Mississippi County Port, which currently has 268 acres to work with and a 99-year lease. “We are looking to create jobs,” said George.

The movement seems to be catching on as Facebook users from both Missouri and Kentucky are getting on board quickly. The page was created on Tuesday, June 2 and less than 24 hours later, almost 600 people had liked the page, grabbing a wider audience. (Tuesday, June 9, they had almost 1,000 likes.)

“You don’t get attention when you are small,” said Karen Teeters. “You build a ground swell with numbers.”

Kentuckians are also in favor of this current bridge movement, but many who reside in Hickman and Fulton County, would like to see it built at Hickman. It is approximately 1 1/2 miles from the Wepfer Marine landing to the ferry landing at Dorena, Mo. From south of the No. 8 Island to New Madrid, it is approxiately 1 mile.

Hickman City Commissioner David Weatherly added. “This is something we should get behind 110%. If it was built at Hickman it would transform our town.”

“This is a wonderful idea and honestly has had some discussions in the past,” contributed Eddie Crittendon. Fulton County/Hickman County Economic Development Partnership Executive Director. “I would support this 100%. You are right, Hickman would explode with new business and investment.”

Fulton County Judge/Executive Jim Martin suggests that the new bridge be located at a crossing point that makes more economic and logistical sense, not emotion of location but also realizes it is worth it to all involved to explore all available options. “The two states needs to collaborate on a detailed economic impact analysis for the best location. I think a bridge between Mississippi County and Ballard Counties makes a lot of sense but so does a bridge between New Madrid County and Fulton County,” he said. “A Hickman crossing would put the bridge at the mid-point between Cairo and Dyersburg, which are about 66 miles apart and that makes good logistical reasoning.”

On the other hand, looking at the economic reasoning side of it will require in-depth analysis. “A Hickman crossing would provide an opportunity to tie three river ports together in New Madrid, Hickman and Tiptonville in addition it would also tie everyone in to I-69 and CN rail in Union City, Tenn.” added Martin. “A crossing at No. 8 Island might also offer a cheaper construction option since the span can be supported by No. 8 Island instead of man made piers in the middle of the river.”

Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority Director Greg Curlin agrees adding a bridge, no matter where it goes, as long as it connects Kentucky and Missouri directly is beneficial. “If it is close to Hickman, you would see other

industries and businesses benefit from it,” he noted. “But as far as major industries, being that close to Missouri would be beneficial for it to be located in Hickman.” Curlin sees it as a real advantage for the the community regarding economic development, tying I-69 in, even if it doesn’t come directly to Hickman, especially with the expansion of the Panama Canal.

“I hope it can get some traction,” added another Hickman resident Robert Griggs. “I believe it would be a safer route and closer to I-69 to be able to cross at Hickman than it would crossing at Cairo, Ill.” Jeff Johnson agrees.

Currently, Kentucky and Missouri are the only two border states not linked by a bridge or land route.

Judge Martin would like to see Hickman and New Madrid make their case for the crossing here but be willing to support the ultimate location chosen so long as it is based on engineering and economics and not politics. “I think leadership in Hickman and New Madrid should have a discussion concerning this issue and assist in the process of choosing a location,” further stated Martin.

Earlier it was noted that talks about constructing a bridge began 10 years ago and Kentucky gave up on the project. Currently, Kentucky’s plan is to replace or rehabilitate the US 51 Bridge connecting Wickliffe to Cairo. “We are concerned about that proposal because the road between Wickliffe and that bridge sits atop a backset levee that has had problems with washing out and flooding,” said Teeters. “If a new bridge is constructed in our proposed location it would eliminate the need for this road that has problems and would instead connect our Port with Wickliffe coming in near the cross. The important point isn’t where the bridge is built, but that it is built.”

The estimated cost including construction, plans, design, right-of-way and utilities is \$236.2 million dollars for the US 51 Bridge project, (found on line, titled “US 51 Bridge Project KYTC Item No. 1-100.00 & 1-1140.00 January 2014) proposed by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet in 2014.

Governor’s Visit

projects within the county, bringing new jobs and investments to the far western part of the state.

“I am excited about what you have done here. You are on the move here in Fulton County and Hickman County and that is an exciting thing to see. You have come to the conclusion that by yourself it’s hard to get things done, but together you get a lot done. When I see all of these Judge/Executives sitting together, all of these elected officials sitting together, that’s why you are making things happen.”

Speaking from a podium, with the Governor’s Cup sitting nearby, Beshear told those in attendance why he made the trip to visit Fulton County.

“You all may remember back in 2012, when the University of Kentucky Wildcats won the NCAA National Championship. Coach Calipari took that NCAA trophy and he went all over the state. He did that because he knew that all of the UK fans had a hand in this and he wanted them to be a part of the celebration. Well, I have kinda stolen a page out of his playbook, because we are here to do something very similar to that. Because in economic development terms, and in the economic development world of job creation, in 2014 Kentucky won its own National Championship. It won this Governor’s Cup. The reason I



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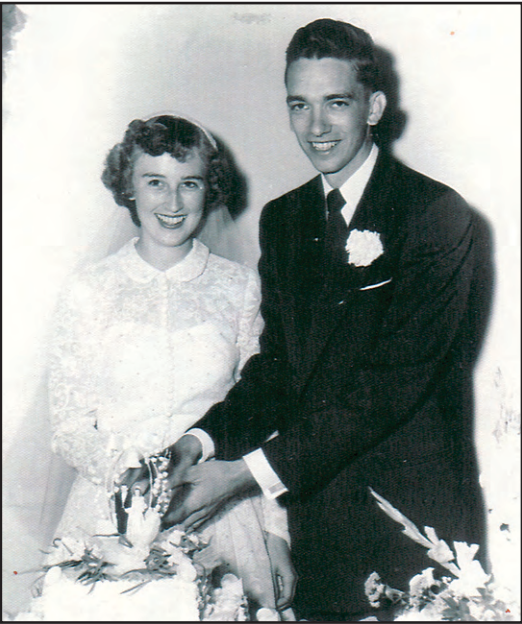
**CELEBRATING JOBS** - Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear (at podium) made a visit to Fulton County last week to thank local officials for their work in creating industry and new jobs. Located in front of Beshear is the “Governor’s Cup”, which was awarded to the state for their industry growth and expansion in 2014. Listening to the Governor’s speech are (l-r) Economic Development Vice-Chairman Greg Pruitt, State Senator Stan Humphries, State Representative Steven Rudy, Fulton County Judge/Executive Jim Martin, Hickman Mayor David Lattus and Fulton Mayor David Prater.

Shipleys celebrate 60th anniversary

Charles Hal and Jean (Ezell) Shipley celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Friday, June 5, at Patti’s Restaurant in Grand Rivers, Ky. hosted by their

Sarah Shipley.

Jean is the daughter of Novis (Tuck) and Esetelle Ezell. Hal is the son of Eugene (Jake) and Myrtlene Shipley.



The Shipleys on their wedding day, June 5, 1955



Charles Hal and Jean Shipley

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wanted to bring this cup here is because you helped us win it. Not just by being cheerleaders, but by actually being in the trenches with us.”

While presenting the state with the national award, Site Selection Magazine also gave an award to the Fulton County-Union City, Tennessee Region, as one of the top micropolitan areas.

On the Fulton County side, five new or expansion industry projects have been secured since 2008. These projects have been worth \$43.3 million dollars in new investments and a total of over 300 jobs.

First District State Senator Stan Humphries told those attending the event, that he was not surprised at how Fulton County rebounded from the tough economic times to receive national recognition.

“When we were in Frankfort to receive the Governor’s Cup, and it was mentioned about Fulton County, I was not surprised. I really was not surprised because I know the tenacity and the hard work that folks do in Fulton County. Back when the county had 22-percent unemployment, I knew with the good work of the Fulton-Hickman EDP, and those who serve on the board, that number would change soon enough and it did.”

Fulton County Judge/Executive Jim Martin praised the efforts of Governor Beshear, and thanked him for his support.

“The State of Kentucky has a Governor who gets it when it comes to economic development.

And Governor, we want you to know, that we know, you get it as far as economic development and we appreciate everything that you do for us.”

Judge Martin also eluded to the fact, that the success of the local area has come from the work of local people dedicated to creating new jobs.

“As good as the Governor and his staff are, they can’t bring

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school system.

With a payroll budget close to \$1 million dollars Susan Malone, with The Citizens Bank, pointed out it would be less money for their employees to spend in town. “This is actually penalizing the working people,” she said. “Whether they are commuting into Hickman or living in Hickman, it stops them from spending their money here.”

“It seems unfair to tax the working people,” added Terry Narr, representing SGL Group - The Carbon Company. “Our 57 employees will each pay, on average \$200 on an annual basis. That is money that could be spent in town.”

“This tax will effect us, especially the younger generation for years to come,” added Hickman resident and business owner John Wiley Gannon. “People are already following the trend of leaving Hickman to gain employment, that trend will just increase.”

Floyd Cash, Postmaster at the

Hickman Post Office asked the question “Where does the road end?” “How long will the 2% payroll tax stay in effect, will it go up or down?” he asked. “We don’t see the benefits we receive from this tax.”

Hickman Mayor David Lattus, Commissioners Roger Adams and David Weatherly weren’t backing down. “No one likes a tax increase,” stated Adams. “We looked strong and hard and we have a \$200,000 deficit to deal with to balance the budget.”

Upcoming infrastructure projects were mentioned as a need to stop depleting funds from the utility accounts to fund the general fund and balance the budget.

“The police department, fire department, ambulance service and administration departments are all needed,” added Weatherly. “We are already doing what we can to keep it as cheap as possible. We can’t live without these services.”

Commissioners Heath Carlton and Phillip Williams agreed with the crowd and have been opposed to the tax increase all along. “I don’t like taxing the working people,” stated Williams.

“You are taxing the people who can’t vote,” added Carlton. “They speak their case and you turn a blind eye or ear to do what you want any way.”

Commissioner Carlton and the audience were looking for a compromise from Mayor Lattus and Commissioners Adams and Weatherly. It was even pointed out that a majority of the commission currently doesn’t pay into the payroll tax. Some are retired, others work outside the city limits. Each commissioner does pay tax on the \$300 a month they receive for being a commissioner, which is minimal compared to others who are paying based on their entire year’s salary.

“We hear you,” Weatherly said. “We do understand. Show me a viable alternative, I am for it.”

Vowell suggested they charge a flat rate of \$3 to each gas and

is not free and it comes with an investment from our city’s, our county and our people. But when we improve our economy, our businesses benefit, our people benefit and our communities benefit. It is good to be recognized on a national level for what we are trying to accomplish, and we are right on target to continue the growth of new industry and new jobs.”

water customer, pointing out it would generate \$90,000 based on 2,500 customers.

A bank employee, Kim Jones, realizes the tax might be necessary but asked that they spread it out throughout the community. “Increase those living in Hickman, not just the workforce,” she said. “The payroll tax is penalizing us. The people who are retired, on social security, that live off the government – they get to keep their extra money and we don’t.”

Single mom, Naomi Tuisl, who works two jobs and has lived in Hickman all her life pointed out that the payroll tax will hurt her at both of her jobs. “A lot of people are opposed to it,” she said. “You definitely need to get this leveled off throughout the community. Don’t let the slackers keep slacking off. They need to contribute too.”

“I see where you are coming from,” Delores Giles commented. “These services you are talking about, I have a stake in this. I am a working person in the city limits of Hickman and I know there is another way to come around to get something done besides taxing the working people.”

It looked as if Weatherly wasn’t going to back down when he said he felt that those who pay for water, gas and sewer already pay enough. “If we raise the utility rates next month we will have another group of people in here voicing their concerns,” he said.

Talk continued back and forth and in the end, the Commission agreed to let a community committee meet to discuss viable alternatives to raising the payroll tax before the Commission adopts the 2015-2016 budget. The committee will meet on Thursday, June 11 at 6 p.m. in the community room of The Citizens Bank.

Time is running out, a budget is usually sent to the state by May 31 and the city begins operating from that budget on July 1. An ordinance was passed to operate from the 2013-2014 budget until a solution can be found.

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Notice of Election  
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Registration begins at 4:00 p.m.

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 5.1 of the By-Laws of the Hickman-Fulton Counties RECC, the Secretary hereby provides notice regarding the candidates for the Board Election that will be held during the 2015 Annual Meeting. The following three candidates will be on the ballot at the Annual Meeting:

District #1	Sammy Todd 1797 State Route 1022E Bardwell, KY42023 Nominated by the Advisory Board
District #4	Ralph Wayne Adams 3120 State Route 1129S Hickman, KY 42050 Nominated by the Advisory Board

Barry Joe Jackson 596 Noonan Lane Hickman, KY 42050 Challenger
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Respectfully submitted,  
Vercel Bryant, Secretary





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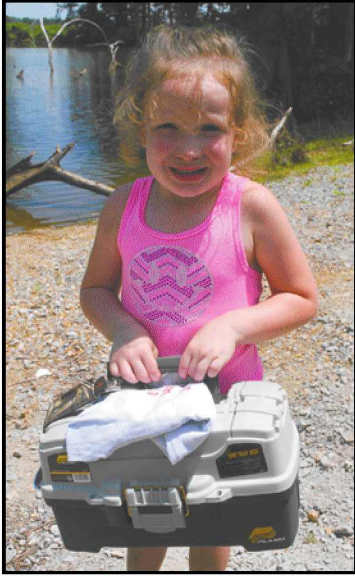


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